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Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment and Response to Office Action is filed in response to the office action dated July 1, 2002. Applicant requests a one month extension of the response period to and including November 1, 2002, and encloses a check in payment of the fee required for the extension for a small entity. A marked-up copy of the amendments accompanies this response.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the first full paragraph at page 15, lines 7-15 of the specification with the following paragraph: